

in LB 629.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I will support Senator Goll on his endeavor to get some funds for Summit Lake. I am also pleased that Senator Goll has kind of changed his position here on some of these things and realizes the value of structures of this type. I can recall a few years ago he wasn't quite that enthusiastic about something like this. But it goes to show that there is a benefit in recreational potential although the structure itself was built for flood control and the cost benefit ratio is sufficient to pay for the structure in that category. But there is a tremendous value in the recreational potential here. Being as close to Omaha as it is, it will even create a terrific value for this area, this part of the state, in the Lincoln area, because at the present time many of the people who are using the Branched Oak, the Pawnee Lake areas are people from Omaha according to their license plates. This will give those people access to a lake nearer to their great city and I am sure that they are going to use it. It is too bad that we have to padlock these things when we could utilize them to the potential. Now I noticed in the pictures that Senator Goll showed me this morning that it is pretty well developed. The Game Commission will not have much to do as far as developing the project. The project is pretty well developed for public access, but because it cannot be policed and taken care of, they had to padlock it because they didn't have the manpower or the funds to operate it. So they are asking the Game Commission to take it over. I think this is the way it should be. I think the Game Commission should manage it because they are in that category. I also want you to know that we did pass a bill here just a couple of days ago, or yesterday I guess it was, to increase the park permit. Now this fund will start becoming available in another year which will give the Game Commission funds to help develop the park and take care of it in this fashion. So I feel this is a plus for the increased park permit. It shows the need of having funds for this purpose. So I endorse Senator Goll's endeavor to get this included in the appropriations. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell, then Senator Lamb, then Senator Rupp, then Senator Haberman, then Senator Pappas. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Goll's request to add